

Faith: Taking The Next Step

Ruth 3:1-18

Ruth: Devotion And Redemption, Part 3

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I) THE PRINCIPLES OF A “DEVOTION AND REDEMPTION” LIFE (review)

- 1) Famine and loss: Difficulties always test our ____DEEPEST LOYALTIES____. (Ruth 1)
- 2) Harvesting and opportunity: Challenges always provide opportunities for ____DIVINE PROVIDENCE____. (Ruth 2)
- 3) Proposing and trusting: Overcoming challenges often requires ____DETERMINED FAITH____. (Ruth 3)

II) THE PRACTICE OF A DETERMINED AND RESPONSIVE FAITH (Ruth 3)

Key Phases Of Faith

- 1) The faith strategy: ____RELYING ON GOD’S LAW____. (Ruth 3:1-4)

*The uncovering of Boaz’s feet and Ruth lying down next to him.

- 2) The faith step: ____RESPONDING TO GOD’S WILL____. (Ruth 3:5-9)

*The spreading of the corner of Boaz’s garment over Ruth as a kinsman-redeemer.

- 3) The faith “seen”: ____RECEIVING GOD’S AFFIRMATION____. (Ruth 3:10-15)

*Boaz responds with favor to Ruth’s request.

*A nearer kinsman-redeemer.

- 4) The faith steps to come: ____REALIZING GOD’S FAITH PROGRAM____. (Ruth 3:16-18)

*“Wait... until you find out what happens...”

III) THE PURSUIT OF AN AUTHENTIC FAITH LIFESTYLE (application)

- 1) Nothing pleases God more than ____FAITH____. (Habakkuk 2:4)
- 2) Faith is not just a single act but a ____LIFESTYLE____. (Hebrews 11:6)
- 3) Until He returns, Christ will be ____LOOKING____ for faith on the earth. (Luke 18:8)